

OUTBREAKS

DISEASE REPORTING

In Washington

Outbreaks or suspected outbreaks of disease that occur or are treated in a health care facility are notifiable. These include, but are not limited to, suspected or confirmed outbreaks of influenza, pertussis, viral meningitis, nosocomial infections, or infections related to contaminated products, devices, or the environment.

For more information regarding outbreaks associated with food or water, please see Foodborne Outbreaks or Waterborne Outbreaks.

Purpose of reporting and surveillance

- To identify sources of transmission (e.g., a medical product or hospital restaurant) and to prevent further transmission from such sources.

Reporting requirements

- Health care providers: no requirements for reporting
- Hospitals: **immediately notifiable to Local Health Jurisdiction**
- Laboratories: no requirements for reporting
- Local health jurisdictions: notifiable to DOH Communicable Disease Epidemiology within 7 days of case investigation completion or summary information required within 21 days